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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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From: drupal_admin@epa.gov [mailto:drupal_admin@epa.gov]
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Please include all nonmotorized craft users in your final plans for the proposed clean up. As a kayaker who frequently circumnavigates Ross Island via Sellwood's Oak park, i see the river from a very intimate perspective. I see wildlife harassed by excessive speeds of motorized craft, I see severe pollution and trash, and fire pits risking fires. I see horrible abuses of the shoreline and waters. Several horrifically polluting sources that require immediate attention include but are not limited to:

1) there is a severe problem with individuals living year round in homeless tent cities along the shores and moored in the waters, moored along public docks (rendering them unusable for the public) in dilapidated boats filled with junk and toxic generators and trash all throughout the willamette and Columbia Rivers! A simple but unaddressed question... Where are these " islands of people" living in filth depositing their human waste? Gray water, poop, urine, bathing...NOONE is addressing this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Why is there no patrolling? Why are these people allowed to live for free and trash the waters and shorelines?

I have contacted numerous organizations and agencies including the willamette river keepers, Portland police, the portland mayors office, multnomah clay sheriff, metro... The list goes on and no one has any answers or solutions!!!

No one seems to know who is responsible for the river and the lands? And everybody wants to pass me onto the next person, with no offer of solutions!

Additionally, the interior slough around Ross Island is constantly abused by large motorized craft including the jet boat company that runs ridiculously huge boats down the river. These motorized craft cause huge wakes and are disrespectful to nonmotorized paddlers. Another issue is that all of the access points to the Columbia and the Willamette river's cater to motorized boats. There are very few places to quietly slip a non-motorized craft into the beautiful waters. This suggests a bias towards the polluters that is just not right!!!!

Please acknowledge that you have received my comments. And please let me know if I can offer more of a non-motorized perspective towards solutions.

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